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SUBJECT: AFL LOSS OF PILOTS AND AIRCRAFT

1. ON DECEMBER 18 AN ARMED FORCES OF LIBERIA CESSNA 337 CRASHED ABOUT FIVE MILES SOUTH OF ROBERTSFIELD EN ROUTE FROM LAGOS TO MONROVIA. IT IS SUSPECTED THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING LOW TO AVOID THUNDERSTORMS AT DUSK AND STRUCK A TREE.

2. TWO AFL PILOTS AND ONE CADET PILOT WERE KILLED IN THE CRASH, ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE PILOT CAPABILITY AND TWO-THIRDS OF THE MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY OF THE AFL. ONE PILOT WAS THE TEST PILOT AND MAINTENANCE OFFICER. THE CADET WAS ALSO THE SENIOR MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN.

THERE ARE TWO REMAINING PILOTS WITH ONE ADDITIONAL PILOT CURRENTLY RECEIVING ADVANCED TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. THE CESSNA WAS ONE OF TWO AIRCRAFT OF THIS TYPE RECENTLY PURCHASED BY THE AFL WITH FMS CREDITS FOR THE LIBERIAN NATIONAL COAST GUARD.
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